

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1957, Verlyn C. Schmidt was appointed by Governor Joe Foss as a state banking examiner, which was the beginning of Verlyn's banking career in South Dakota, and later became one of the first three employees at Western Bank under the leadership of T.M. Reardon; and,

Whereas, Verlyn has continued to operate as a professional in all aspects of banking, guided by the philosophy of "know you by name service" as he continued his career at First PREMIER Bank; and,

Whereas, While Verlyn has excelled as a banker, his greatest investment has been in the lives of his wife, Sherri, her daughter, Christen, his sons, Mark, Mike and Steve, and their eight grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Verlyn's ability to spot a ringtail pheasant from 100 yards is surpassed only by his ability to spot and bag a new banking relationship; and,

Whereas, Verlyn's persistence and attention to detail are reflected in his ability to remember and deliver a joke, and deliver a joke, and deliver a joke, and deliver a joke and deliver a joke; and,

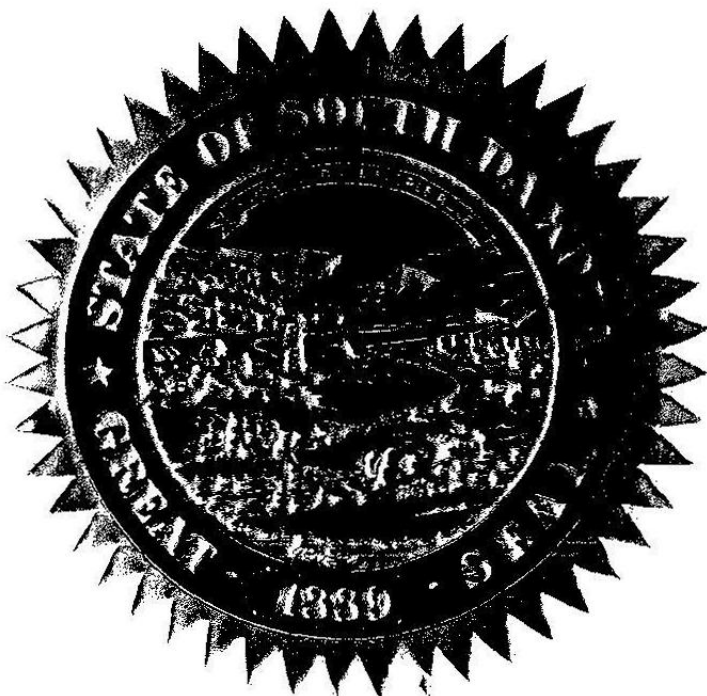
Whereas, Verlyn began to unselfishly sell his coin collection of many years after finding out that he was endangering the state's supply of currency; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor that after being inundated with requests to commemorate Mr. Schmidt's half century in banking with such state budget breakers as adding his face to Mt. Rushmore and the state's quarter:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2007, as

VERLYN SCHMIDT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, colleagues and friends in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State